

Chatham, about six and one-half miles from it. After Dr. Fields came Joseph M. Rhodes.

Spring Vale Academy was a mile south of the Karnegay House, and Mr. Rhodes was the first teacher. He was succeeded by a Presbyterian minister, Malcolm C. Connelly, who, in a short while, took a course at a Theological Seminary and returned again to Spring Vale. He married a Sampson lady, bought him a farm in Duplin, taught some time at Friendship in that county, sold his farm, and bought the plantation of the prominent lawyer, Wm. B. Meares, near Clinton. Here he had a large school until about 1850, when he emigrated with his wife and ten children to Washington County, Texas.

While Mr. Connolly was at the Seminary, George W. Johnston, a graduate of the University of Virginia, had charge of Spring Vale. He then taught at Kenansville, whence he emigrated to Arkansas. He is said to have been akin to Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, and certainly resembled him in features.

After Johnston came a Presbyterian preacher, Rev. Angus C. McNeill, a graduate of our University, a superior man. He imported an able teacher from the North, Miss Harriet Bizzle, and established a school for females about a quarter of a mile from that of the males. Both had a large patronage from Sampson and the adjoining counties. At one time there were over twenty Faisons in attendance. Eventually the Bizzle captured the McNeill. As husband and wife they carried on the school for some time, and then removed to Carthage, in Moore County, and taught successfully until the people refused to tolerate what they considered the unreasonable severity of Mrs. McNeill's discipline. Their next move was to Alabama, where Mr. McNeill died in the pulpit, leaving a memory blessed, but no children. The universal affection to the husband was not given to the wife. It is said that she showed much providence in saving cotton during the war.

After Mr. McNeill came Mr. McMillan, both, as well as Connelly, being natives of Robeson. Then an Irishman, named McGary, held the rod for five months, until the Trustees displaced him on account of his terrible temper. After him came some milder-mannered men, Wm. H. Tolar, Solomon J. Faison, a graduate of our University, and another graduate, John Ghast Elliott, particularly described in my former paper.